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Natick developing soft-walled shelters

The Natick Soldier Center, Mass., has partnered with the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine to develop an armor panel system that can be integrated easily into standard soft-walled shelter frames.

The Modular Ballistic Protection System is designed to protect against indirect fire such as lethal mortar fragmentation while withstanding the secondary blast pressure from a mortar explosion. For the full story, visit

<http://www.ssc.army.mil/about/pao/2006/06-44.htm>.

Letterkenny completes phase one of igloos improvement project

Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony recognizing the completion of phase one of a two-phase project to modify munitions storage igloos.

The \$5.5 million phase began in early 2006 and the first 10 igloos were completed in October. Phase II is scheduled for 2011 at a cost of \$6 million. These modified storage igloos will allow Letterkenny to store the most advanced high-technology tactical munitions in the military inventory.

Army names Picatinny Soldier Project Manager of the Year

Col. Mark D. Rider, project manager for maneuver ammunition systems-direct fire, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., was recently named Project Manager of the Year during the 2006 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony.

Rider was recognized for his accomplishments in the areas of resource management, innovative acquisition streamlining, program complexity and achievement of program objectives. For further information, visit

<http://asc.army.mil/portal.cfm>.

DAC receives 2006 Tibbetts Award

The Defense Ammunition Center, McAlester, Okla., and its small business research partner, Cybernet Systems Corporation, recently received the 2006 Tibbetts Award in the organization category.

The prestigious national awards are made annually to those small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in Small Business Innovation Research achievements. The team was recognized for their development of the Automated Tactical Ammunition Classification System, an automated system for sorting and inspecting small arms ammunition.

Did You Know... Unitized Group Ration-Express

The Natick Soldier Center's Unitized Group Ration-Express provides a group dining capability anytime, anywhere. With a quick pull of a tab, the meals are ready in 30 to 45 minutes and provide a change of pace from Meals, Ready-to-Eat. UGR-E modules serve hot meals for up to 18 warfighters without requiring kitchen equipment, cooks, fuel, or a power source. UGR-Es also reduce the costs and logistical burden associated with using a field kitchen. For more information of the UGR-E, visit <http://www.ssc.army.mil/about/pao/2006/06-39.htm>.

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